

REMARKS

Applicant appreciates the time taken by the Examiner to review Applicant's present application. This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Official Action mailed June 3, 2009 ("Office Action"). Claims 1-8, 17-19, and 21-29 were pending and rejected. Claims 1, 17, and 21 are amended herein. Support for the amendments presented herein can be found in the specification as originally filed, at least from paragraphs 47-49 and 53. No new matter is introduced. No claim is newly added. By this Amendment, claims 1-8, 17-19, and 21-29 remain pending. Applicant believes that claims 1-8, 17-19, and 21-29, as amended, recite subject matter not reached by the art of record and therefore should be allowed. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

Interview Summary

Pursuant to Applicant Initiated Interview Request submitted on June 17, 2009, a telephonic interview was conducted on July 29, 2009 between Primary Examiner Paula and the undersigned. During the interview, differences between embodiments as claimed and the prior art were explained. Primary Examiner Paula suggested submitting a proposed amendment for his consideration. Applicant agreed and presented a proposed amendment on July 30, 2009. In a telephonic communication on August 21, 2009, Primary Examiner Paula indicated to the undersigned that the claims, particularly claim 21, as amended would recite subject matter not found in the art of record. The amendments to the claims presented herein are submitted to be consistent with what was discussed during the Examiner Interview and presented in the proposed amendment. Applicant appreciates the time and effort taken by Primary Examiner Paula to review Applicant's present application and discuss the pending claims.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 21-29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by MyYahoo.com Help Pages, Archive.org, 1999 ("Yahoo"). Claim 21 is amended herein. As indicated by Primary Examiner Paula on August 21, 2009, claim 21 as amended herein recites subject matter not found in Yahoo, thereby overcoming the rejections of claims 21-29 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b). Accordingly, withdrawal of these rejections is respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yahoo in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,983,227 ("Nazem") and further in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/00781040 ("Kelly"). Claim 1 is amended herein. As indicated by Primary Examiner Paula on August 21, 2009, claim 1 as amended herein recites subject matter not found in Yahoo and hence Yahoo combined with Nazem and Kelly, thereby sufficiently overcoming the rejections of claims 1-8 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

Claims 17-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yahoo in view of Kelly. Claim 17 is amended herein. As indicated by Primary Examiner Paula on August 21, 2009, claim 17 as amended herein recites subject matter not found in Yahoo and hence Yahoo combined with Kelly, thereby sufficiently overcoming the rejections of claims 17-19 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

In view of the foregoing, withdrawal of these rejections is respectfully requested.

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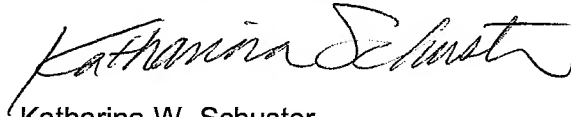
Conclusion

Applicant has now made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. Other than as explicitly set forth above, this reply does not include any acquiescence to statements, assertions, assumptions, conclusions, or any combination thereof in the Office Action. For the foregoing reasons and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicant respectfully requests full allowance of claims 1-8, 17-19, and 21-29. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number listed below for prompt action in the event any issues remain.

The Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-3183 of Sprinkle IP Law Group.

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